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1. The airfield was on a plateau north of Mariupol (37°34'E/
47°06'N), Ukrainian SSR, and the Ilich Steel Plant.
2. The field was occupied by biplanes.
3. The airfield was northwest of Mariupol. A three-story barracks building and at least four large hangars were on the border of the high forest on the northwestern edge of the field. Twelve one-story wooden houses, each about 10 x 35 meters, were on the northern edge of the field.
4. About 30 twin-engine aircraft and biplanes were in front

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of the hangars. Many 18 to 20-year-old air force soldiers were seen in the airfield area.

5. Flying activity :

Heavy local flying with biplanes. Individual and formation flying with twin-engine aircraft. Regular commercial flying with twin-engine planes. There was flying with single-engine fighters (in-line engine, similar to the Me-109) over Mariupol. Aircraft of this type were not seen at the field.

6. The airfield was north of Mariupol, east of a road leading north. Buildings were not available.

7. There was little student flying with U-2s.

25X1 Comment :

a. The airfield reportedly north of Mariupol possibly is the former commercial airfield. It was apparently occupied by a small pilot school for beginners, possibly a Dosav school during the period of observation.

b. The airfield northwest of Mariupol apparently was under improvement and occupied by a pilot school and a bomber regiment during the period of observation.

25X1 c. an improved seaplane base, allegedly occupied by a seaplane pilot school, was also in Mariupol.

d. In addition to these airfields another field, occupied by fighters, obviously is near Mariupol.

25X1 Comment: Mariupol is now known as Zhdanov.

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